

**MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

November 20, 2007  
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor  
302 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona	Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Tom Burch, AARP	Renate Ehm, City of Mesa
Reed Henry, ADOT	*William Mead, Paradise Valley
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	Brandon Forrey for Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale	*Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
*Martin Johnson, City of Chandler	*Carol Ketcherside, RPTA
Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS	George Williams for Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale
*Jorge Gastelum, El Mirage	Robert Maki, City of Surprise
Karen King for Jennifer Brown, FHWA	*Julian Dresang, City of Tempe
Ken Maruyama, Gilbert	
Chris Lemka, City of Glendale	
*Linda Mendyka, GOHS	
Luke Albert, City of Goodyear	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Larry Talley, ADOT	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Marty McNeil, Valley Metro Rail	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Ernest Rubi, MCDOT	Leo Luo, MAG
Joseph Ryan	

+Teleconference

\*Not present or represented by proxy

1. Call to Order  
Chairman Bob Maki called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM
2. A Moment of Silence and A Tribute to Professor Mary Kihl  
Chairman Maki called for the committee to observe a moment of silence in honor of committee member, Professor Mary Kihl of ASU, who passed away in October. Sarath Joshua and Peggy Rubach paid brief tributes to Professor Mary Kihl for the many years of her services to the MAG transportation planning process.
3. Approval of September 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Peggy Rubach moved to approve the minutes, Linda Gorman seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2007, meeting.

4. Call to Audience

Chairman Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. Mr. Joseph Ryan addressed the committee on a number of topics that generally dealt with road safety issues. All his comments were location specific road safety issues within the City of Phoenix. He also provided several handouts to elaborate his key points. These handouts have been filed in the official record of minutes at MAG. Mr. Ryan was provided three minutes to make his comments to the committee.

5. Program Manager's Report

Sarath Joshua reported on the following items:

- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) Activities

Traffic Records Coordinating Committee has received \$500,000 to improve the state's traffic records system. Larry Talley, formerly with Mesa, has been appointed as the TRCC coordinator. GTSAC also conducted many activities in focus areas such as Education, Enforcement, School Safety, Road Safety Assessment, Communications, Outreach and Legislative Issues.

- RTSIMS Phase II Project 1

Project 1 will review available safety analysis software and make a recommendation whether any of the existing software is adequate for the desired MAG safety analysis, or if one can be modified to meet MAG requirements or if a custom developed software is needed.

- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project Applications to ADOT

MAG Safety Committee is required to review the SRTS applications from the MAG region, which are due to ADOT on December 21, 2007. MAG will provide each committee member with a copy of all SRTS applications and an evaluation form. The evaluation forms will be due back to MAG by January 11, 2008. The committee will provide a final recommendations at the January 22, 2008, meeting. ADOT will receive the MAG recommendation on February 28, 2008, following Regional Council approval. Both Kelly LaRosa and Peggy Rubach expressed concern about the tedious application review criteria specified by ADOT. Sarath Joshua suggested a teleconference to streamline the application review process and develop a shorter evaluation form for the MAG review. Kelly La Rosa, Peggy Rubach, Ken Maruyama and Brandon Forrey volunteered to participate in the teleconference. Criteria used by ADOT for reviewing SRTS applications have been posted at the ADOT website.

- Evaluation of Elderly Mobility Sign Project

Because of the passing away of Mary Kihl, the effort to develop a contract with ASU has been terminated. Additional funding might be sought to continue the project.

- Transportation Safety Forum

Sarath Joshua asked the committee to suggest topics for the Safety Forum via email. The intended audience of the forum depends on the topic.

6. Light Rail Transit System and Safety

Marty McNeil from Valley Metro Rail provided a presentation on the progress of the Light

Rail Transit project and related safety improvement efforts. VMR have provided safety education materials to schools, teachers and students. Other information is also being provided to tourists. She noted that a bell will be sounded when the Light Rail vehicle approaches an intersection or starts moving. Marty will get back to the committee on whether the bell will be sounded when approaching area with high a volume of pedestrians in mid-block areas. Joseph Ryan commented on the Light Rail project. His comments were limited to three minutes. Mr Ryan referred to a location along the LRT alignment where an access problem has been created for vehicular traffic approaching Washington Avenue.

7. Report on the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee (TRCC)

Larry Talley of ADOT made a brief presentation on recent TRCC activities. He introduced the history of TRCC and mentioned that the Strategic Highway Safety Plan incorporates the TRCC plan for safety data. Larry also mentioned the six focus area of TRCC and the current and future efforts to consolidate the different data sources from different agencies. The objective is to allow users customize what they need from the overall system and have consistent and accurate data. Several projects are currently underway including the redesign of ALISS database and incorporate the MMUCC data element, revise the crash report and installation of the front end data collection software-the TRACS system. The TRACS is not mandatory for agencies but will be available for free. The vendor will program the system so that it can communicate with agencies that do not use TRACS. Larry confirmed with Sarath that TRACS not only is a crash data system but also a law enforcement data system. It simplifies the data collection process and performs multiple functions. He also expected that once the system is completed, it will only take days in stead of a year that the agencies can access the data.

8. Meeting Schedule for 2008

The planned meeting schedule for 2008 was distributed to the committee. Sarath Joshua explained that the new meeting schedule for 2008, reflects a change from bi-monthly to quarterly meetings. Members had no objection to the proposed change.

9. Inconsistent Signage at Roundabouts

Kelly LaRosa pointed out that the MUTCD lacks of guidance on required signage at roundabouts. Any deviation from the MUTCD would require experimental test application to FHWA. She suggested that a subcommittee of the safety committee be formed to address the issue of inconsistent signage at roundabouts and possibly help generate an experimental test application. Both Chairman Maki and George Williams expressed support for the idea. It was agreed that a working group will be established to address the concerns.

10. Reports by Committee members on Transportation Safety Activities

Peggy Rubach reported the progress of MCDOT SRTS projects. Chris Lemka briefed the committee the work zone practice in Glendale.

11. Next meeting

The next Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 22,

2008 at 10:00AM in the Cholla Room at MAG.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Robert Maki adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.